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AGENCIES COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

MILES CITY, Mont., – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office, in cooperation with the Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality have completed an environmental assessment on Fidelity Corporation's applications to drill 210 development coal bed natural gas wells in the CX Field near Decker.

Fidelity Corporation plans to drill the wells on 44 sites in the Coal Creek area of the CX Field.

The project also includes the installation of the required infrastructure to carry produced gas and water to new and existing facilities.

The water will either be put to beneficial use or discharged into the Tongue River in accordance with Fidelity Corporation's existing water discharge permit issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

The CX Field was approved by the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation and is currently the only field that produces coal bed natural gas in Montana.

A complete copy of the environmental assessment will be available shortly on the web at: www.mt.blm.gov/mcfo. Additional questions may be referred to BLM Coal Bed Natural Gas Program Manager David Breisch at (406)233-3645.